# First Amendment Congress

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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ALL MEETINGS ARE IN THE MARRIOTT CITY CENTER HOTEL,
1701 CALIFORNIA ST.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 1988

4 p.m. (Room IV, Denver Ballroom)—Informal meeting of speakers, panelists, workshop moderators, resource experts and reporters.

6:30 p.m. (Colorado Ballroom)—Reception, cash bar.

7 p.m. (Colorado Ballroom)—Banquet and opening speech by Jean Otto, founder of the First Amendment Congress.

## SECURING THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY TO OURSELVES AND OUR POSTERITY

## MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1988

8 a.m.—Continental breakfast, corridor outside Colorado Ballroom.

### *PANEL DISCUSSION*

8:45 to 11:15 a.m. (Colorado Ballroom)—*"The Once and Future First Amendment."*
A panel discussion of present First Amendment freedoms and a look at the future, with an interrogation by an expert and participation by the audience.

#### PANELISTS:

**Dr. Os Guiness,** executive director of the Williamsburg Charter Foundation, which recently published a national survey of religious tolerance. Dr. Guiness earned a doctorate in the sociology of religion from Oxford University. He has written three books, and wrote and reported a BBC documentary on the 1980 U.S. elections.

**Guy Smith,** vice president of Philip Morris USA, responsible for communications within the corporation and with the public, government and consumers.

**Raul Yzaguirre,** president of the National Council of La Raza, which is dedicated to improving opportunities for Hispanic Americans.

**David Shaw,** media critic for the Los Angeles Times since 1974, the author of four books and the recipient of awards for media reporting and criticism.

#### INTERROGATOR:

**Richard M. Schmidt,** a partner in the major Washington communications law firm Cohn and Marks and counsel for the American Society of Newspaper Editors and the Association of American Publishers. Schmidt has been a radio newsman and congressional investigator, and was general counsel for the United States Information Agency and the Voice of America.

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## WORKSHOP/DEBATES

11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. — (The location of each workshop/debate follows the debate subject. A box lunch will be served in workshop/debate rooms.)

FREEDOM OF RELIGION — Room #IV. *Moderators:* Os Guiness, executive director of Williamsburg Charter Foundation; Robert Kramer, communications director for the Williamsburg Charter Foundation; Wesley Pippert, 1987 fellow at the Harvard Center for Press, Politics and Public Policy. *Resource expert:* John Bromley, University of Northern Colorado. *Reporter:* Harrison Cochran, Sentinel Newspapers. *Facilitator:* Lou Ingelhart, Ball State University.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH — Room #V. *Moderators:* John Seigenthaler, USA Today and Nashville Tennessean; Jack Fuller, The Chicago Tribune. *Resource expert:* Chuck Green, The Denver Post. *Reporter:* Doug Cosper, CU. *Facilitator:* Sam Matthews, Tracy Press.

FREEDOM OF PRESS — Room #III. *Moderators:* William Burleigh, V.P. Scripps Howard, Cincinnati; Dan Thomasson, Washington bureau chief, Scripps Howard; Molly Ivins, Dallas Times-Herald. *Resource expert:* Dwight L. Teeter, University of Wisconsin. *Reporter:* Judy Miller, KMGH-TV, Denver; *Facilitators:* Jane Kirtley, Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press; Tom Elkins, KNUI/KHUI, Hawaii.

FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY — Room #VI. *Moderator:* Howard Samuel, AFL-CIO. *Resource expert:* Ralph Izzard, Ohio University; *Reporter:* Sam Kuczun, CU. *Facilitator:* David Eisen, The Newspaper Guild.

FREEDOM OF PETITION — Room A. *Moderators:* Allan Adler, ACLU; William Hohri, National Council for Japanese-American Redress. *Resource expert:* Greg Pearson, Metro State. *Reporter:* Garrett Ray, CSU. *Facilitator:* Marjorie Paxson, Women in Communications Inc.

CENSORSHIP — Room #II. *Moderators:* John Buchanan, People for the American Way; Lawrence W. Secrest III, esq., Wiley, Rein and Fielding, Washington. *Resource expert:* Tom Eveslage, Temple University. *Reporter:* Laird Anderson, American University. *Facilitator:* D. J. Cline, National Federation of Press Women.

COMMERCIAL SPEECH — Room B. *Moderators:* Gene Mater, communications consultant and retired CBS executive; Stuart Sucherman, president of Hilton-Sucherman Productions. *Resource expert:* Alice Neff Lucan, esq., Gannett Company. *Reporter:* Claudia Speidel, CU. *Facilitator:* Pat Jackson, Jackson, Jackson and Wagner.

NATIONAL SECURITY — Room D. *Moderators:* Mort Halperin, ACLU; Tony Das, U.S. State Department. *Resource expert:* Ellen Moore, Amnesty International. *Reporter:* Phil Carson, Steamboat Pilot. *Facilitator:* John Finnegan, St. Paul Dispatch and Pioneer Press.

OBSCENITY & PORNOGRAPHY — Room #I. *Moderators:* Judith Krug, American Library Association; Robert S. Peck, American Bar Association; Timothy Dyk, Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, Washington. *Resource expert:* Bill McReynolds, CU. *Reporter:* Mort Stern, University of Northern Colorado. *Facilitator:* Steve Bookshester, National Association of Broadcasters.

PRIVACY — Room C. *Moderators:* Ed Erler, California State University, San Bernardino; Janlori Goldman, ACLU. *Resource expert:* Ed Rooney, Loyola University. *Reporter:* Don Ridgway, CU. *Facilitators:* John Shurr, AP; William Mebane, Greenville News-Piedmont.

MONDAY EVENING IS OPEN AFTER 4 P.M. — OR WHENEVER YOUR WORKSHOP ENDS.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1988

7:15 a.m. — Continental breakfast, corridor outside Colorado Ballroom.

8 a.m. to 11 a.m. — Participants in Monday's workshop/debates go to *second* assigned workshop/debate to discuss resolutions proposed by the Monday group.

11 a.m. to Noon — Free time.

Noon to 12:45 p.m. — Luncheon is served in the Colorado Ballroom.

12:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. — Plenary session in the Colorado Ballroom. Resolution debate moderated by Judy Woodruff, chief Washington correspondent for the MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour, and by Dick Schmidt, interrogator for the opening panel session. Resolutions developed at Monday's workshop/debate sessions and considered at Tuesday's sessions will be voted on by all delegates.

5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. — Free time.

6:30 p.m. — Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.

7 p.m. — Closing banquet. Arthur Miller, a Harvard law professor who has brought the drama of the Socratic dialogue technique to television in his nationally-syndicated program "Headlines on Trial." His topic: "The First Amendment — A Personal Odyssey."

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